

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting, Midwinter Meeting
Chicago, Illinois, 1958

First Session

Tuesday, January 28, 10 A.M.

Edgewater Beach Hotel

Presiding, Arthur H. Parsons, Jr., President

PRESENT

Board Members:

Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Sigrid Edge,
Eleanor Ferguson, Donna Finger, Ann
Kirkland, Arthur H. Parsons, Jr.,
Miriam Putnam, Hannis Smith, Mrs. Elsa
S. Thompson, Rose Vainstein, Bernard
Van Horne

Committee Chairmen:

Edwin Castagna, Mrs. Janet Z. McKinlay,
Jean Roos

Staff:

Delphine Milstein

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The meeting was called to order by
Arthur H. Parsons, Jr., President,
and those present introduced themselves. The Minutes of the Kansas City
Board meeting were approved as mailed.

DIVISION BYLAWS

Mr. Parsons reported for the Division
Organization Committee, since Mark L.

Crum, Chairman, was unable to be present. The proposed Bylaws have been sub-
mitted to the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee; its Chairman, Benjamin
Custer, made a number of objections to the Bylaws, but concluded that "I do
not see that they conflict with the letter of the ALA Constitution and Bylaws,
but it seems to me they ... conflict with the spirit of ALA." The Board
considered Mr. Custer's specific objections, and decided to refer them to the
Division Organization Committee for further study and report at the San
Francisco meeting.

IT WAS VOTED that the Bylaws be approved as
written, and presented to the membership for
final approval.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

Edwin Castagna made no report since
his Committee had not met since
Kansas City. However he asked for

suggestions from the Board of areas the Committee should consider within the
framework of its responsibility "to formulate objectives and goals for public
library service and to recommend appropriate action by the division to advance
these goals." A previous recommendation of the Committee for a national pub-
licity campaign had been partially met through the National Library Week
program. The Board offered a number of suggestions, among them a program on
personnel shortage, cooperation with the Federal Relations Committee to in-
sure that public libraries were included in any Federal aid program to
scientific education, and means of promoting the public library standards
other than by the preparation of materials which is the responsibility of
the Committee on Promotion of the Revised Standards.

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SAN FRANCISCO PROGRAM

The Committee on Promotion of the Revised Standards has agreed to arrange for preparation of a script demonstrating by the use of adult education techniques the importance of the public library standards to local communities, which will be presented as the division's program at San Francisco. If successful, this can be added to the series of promotional materials already prepared by the Committee.

REVISION OF THE COSTS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE IN 1956

It was suggested that a committee should be appointed to begin the revision of the supplement to Public Library Service, Costs of Public Library Service in 1956,

and that a member of the Standards Committee which wrote the original text should be included. The Board authorized the establishment of such a committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In the absence of Mrs. Muriel Perry Traver, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Parsons reported that

James E. Bryan, Newark Public Library, Newark, New Jersey, and Bernard Van Horne, Director, Library Association of Portland, Oregon were the candidates for the office of Vice-President and President-Elect. No other officers were to be filled.

IT WAS VOTED that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM COORDINATION

Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Chairman, asked for clarification of the method by which representatives of other divisions were appointed to the Com-

mittee. The Board felt that appointees should be active in the fields they represent, but not necessarily members of the Boards of those divisions. The Committee is to meet for the first time on Friday, January 31; a further discussion of its role and membership should be on the agenda for the Board at San Francisco.

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS FOR WORK WITH YOUNG ADULTS

Jean Roos, Chairman of the Committee, reported that her Committee had recently been transferred to PLD from YASD. It is working on a manuscript interpreting and amplifying Public

Library Service as it relates to library service for the age group from 14 to 18. The Committee has completed a rough draft, which they hope to finish by the San Francisco meeting for submission to the ALA Publishing Department for possible publication.

PEBCO RECOMMENDATIONS ON BUDGETING PROCEDURE

PEBCO recommended to the ALA Executive Board that beginning at San Francisco, the budget for the following fiscal year be tentatively approved at the Annual Conference. This will require

divisions to submit budget requests by June 1, 1958. Since the exact amount of money available in 1958-59 will not be known at that time, divisions are

asked to submit program budget requests in order of priority. Requests given high priority will be approved at San Francisco, with those lower on the list having to wait until fall for final approval when the exact amount of the funds is known. The ALA Executive Board is expected to take action on the recommendation at Midwinter, and further discussion of its effects on PLD were postponed to the second Board meeting.

ARMED FORCES
LIBRARIANS
SECTION

A report of the Section's activities was given by Ann Kirkland, President. The Section plans two sessions at the San Francisco Conference, one

dealing with buildings for service libraries, the other with the new Federal Civil Service specifications for librarians. A luncheon is planned with a speaker either on scientific development or on the conference theme, "International Responsibilities of the ALA." New Bylaws have been prepared and will be submitted to the membership for approval at San Francisco. The Section requested funds for preparation of a guide to book selection for Armed Forces Libraries, but the request was not included in the 1957-58 budget. The Section is carrying out an extensive program of recruiting for Armed Forces Libraries.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10

Respectfully submitted

Eleanor A. Ferguson
Executive Secretary
Public Library Association